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In re Application of:



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Swartz, Rodney P.

For: PRION-DETECTION BUSINESS
METHODS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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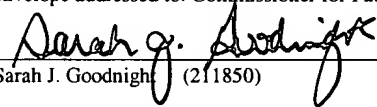
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REPLY TO JULY 19, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

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DEAR SIR:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 19, 2004. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on October 19, 2004. Therefore, the filing of this Reply should be considered timely. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.